

Reps. Moss, Cochran, Faris, Greig, Hovey-Wright, LaVoy, Maturen, Pagan, Plawecki, Sarah Roberts, Singh and Wittenberg offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 253.

A resolution to declare March 22, 2016, as United Nations Water Day in the state of Michigan.

Whereas, The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted on December 10, 1948, to prevent tragedies like those of the Second World War and strive for the security of humanity. Article 25 of the Declaration states that “Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of himself and of his family.” It is important that we, as citizens of a United Nations Member State, recognize this important day to reaffirm our commitment to helping others and working together for a more tranquil and healthy world; and

Whereas, United Nations Water Day recognizes the importance of clean water as a human right and integral to the global economy and international security. Nearly 1.5 billion laborers around the world work in water-related sectors. The theme of this year’s Water Day, “water and jobs,” highlights the need for clean water access for cities and farmlands; and

Whereas, March 22 has been celebrated as United Nations Water Day since 1993. The United Nations serves people of all backgrounds and is committed to upholding the values of human rights; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of this legislative body declare March 22, 2016, as United Nations Water Day in the state of Michigan. It is with great honor and appreciation that we take this time to join other states and nations in expressing our commitment to the availability of water; On this day, we will celebrate and honor the noble goal of pure water in our state, our country, and our world.